

- Sensored & Sensorless
- Brushed/Brushless Compatible

D2 Brushless Drive Technology

- QuickTune TM Digital Setup
- HotWire TM 3.0 Bluetooth Datalogging Capability
- High Voltage Programmable BEC
- Adjustable Throttle & Brake Frequency



INTRODUCTION

Congratulations and thank you for purchasing the RX8 Gen3 high Gen3 is the ultimate in 1/8 racing equipment.

Connect via HotWire 3.0 Bluetooth for trackside programming!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Read through this manual and familiarize yourself with the terms.

- 2) Make sure the motor/battery are within recommended specs.
- 3) Check battery polarity; no reverse polarity protection.
- 5) Use in or around water can damage the ESC and void the warranty.

FAN INSTALLATION

The RX8 Gen3 comes with a 30mm x 30mm x 7mm 5V Brushless fan. Should the fan need replacement, simply unplug the fan power wires from the RX8 Gen3, remove the 4 screws that secure the fan o the shroud and slide the fan out of the shroud housing (Fig. 1).



Plan Speed Control Placement

1) Choose a location for the speed control that is protected from

debris and moving parts. Plan ahead with wire routing and try to

keep the motor leads about the same length. Motor leads should be

short, but not tight. Leave some slack in the wiring to account for

2) Mock up your wire lengths for your planned ESC placement. It

is recommended to solder the leads before mounting the ESC in the

3) Choose a wiring method for the motor and battery leads. Direct

wiring uses no plugs and provides the best connection between the

motor and the ESC. You can use Tekin 5.5mm Hi-Power bullet

connectors (TT3055, Fig 3.) for easy motor removal. Battery

connector choice is up to you, use the female plug on the battery

5) Secure the ON/OFF switch in a safe, accessible place away from

and the male on the ESC and double check the polarity.

provided 4-40 x 1/4" screws included with the ESC.

TT3832 - (2x) 30x30x7mm Fan RX8 Gen3

chassis flex and vibrations while driving

ATTACHING WIRES TO THE ESC.

1) RED is used for battery positive (+BATT) and "A" Phase of the motor. BLACK is for battery negative (-BATT) and "C" Phase. White is for "B" Phase.

SOLDERING CONT...

- 2) Tin all the solder posts on the ESC. Apply solder to the iron tip, press it to the top of the post and feed more solder to fill the cradle in the post. This process should take no longer than 2-3 seconds repeat for remaining posts.
- 3) To tin the wires, strip the insulation back 3/32"- 1/8" and touch the iron tip to the exposed strands. Feed solder to the wire until it is evenly coated. 2-3 seconds again.
- 4) Attach the tinned wire to the tinned ESC post by heating both. bringing them together and heating again (Section 5). The solder should flow in 2-3 seconds. If you have trouble, clean and tin the solder tip and retry once the pieces have cooled.

ATTACHING WIRES TO THE MOTOR:

- 1) Be sure to connect your motor to your ESC with the proper wiring order: A - A, B - B, C - C.
- 2) Using the same techniques described above, solder the wires to your motor.

RADIO CALIBRATION

NOTE: Before Radio Calibrating, ensure the ESC is hooked up to the receiver in Channel 2 (CH2), a charged battery is properly connected, and the transmitter is turned on and bound to your

Refer to Section 10 below.

- 1) On your transmitter, set all trim adjustments to the middle, throttle/brake EPAs and Dual Rate set to 100.
- 2) Press and hold MODE for 3-5 seconds or until the ESC gives a 4 chime confirmation. It is now in calibration mode and will start by ooking for the neutral signal first, while blinking the center (#4) LED with a simultaneous "beep" with each blink
- 3) Once neutral is found, the 4 chime confirmation will sound again and the right (#7) LED will begin to blink, indicating the ESC is looking for a full throttle signal. Pull and hold full throttle until you near the confirmation chime.
- 4) The ESC will then switch to the left (#1) LED and look for a ful brake/reverse signal. Push and hold full brake until you hear the confirmation chime. After the confirmation, let go of the trigger and the ESC will arm, go to neutral and actively show the onboard emperature (Section 17).

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Tekin's QuickTuneTM

PRESS MODE TO ACCESS:

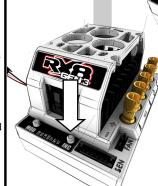
LED1 - DRAG BRAKE LED2 - BRAKE STRENGTH

LED3 - TORQUE LIMITER

LED4 - NEUTRAL WIDTH LED5 - TIMING PROFILES

LED6 - MOTOR TYPE

LED7 - VOLTAGE CUTOFF



PRESS INC TO: Adjust the feature currently

selected. Refer to the QuickTune adjustments table below (section 13) for ranges of adjustment and what they accomplish.

performance large scale Brushless/Brushed Electronic Speed Control (ESC). The RX8 Gen3 packs new and exciting features on the already highly successful RX8 platform such as a Programmable High Voltage BEC, HotWire access port that doubles as the fan connector and Datalogging capabilities. Exclusively running the Tekin Dual Drive technology, the RX8

error codes and general workings of the ESC. Keep this manual for

- 4) To mount the ESC with double sided tape, clean the bottom with 1) The RX8 Gen3 is intended for use in 1/8 buggies and trucks and rubbing alcohol. NEVER use any chemicals such as motor spray or 1/10 4WD short course. acetone as they will damage the plastic. You can also use the
- 4) Check polarity and labeling of solder posts before soldering.

WIRING INSTRUCTIONS INSTALLATION

1) CONNECT ESC TO RECEIVER

Plug the ESC into the throttle (TH) channel of the receiver.

♦ Channel 1: Servo

♦ Channel 2: ESC

"REMEMBER: 1 to Turn, 2 to Burn"

2) CONNECT ESC TO BATTERY

Visually verify that the connector on the battery pack and the ESC match the chart below then connect.

DO NOT CONNECT BATTERY INCORRECTLY TO ESC. VERIFY THAT THE BATTERY POSITIVE WIRE WILL CONNECT TO THE ESC POSITIVE WIRE BEFORE CONNECTING!

ESC	BATTERY
(B-) Black Wire	(-) Negative
(B +) Red Wire	(+) Positive

3) CONNECT ESC TO MOTOR

First, determine the type of motor you are using. SENSORED motors require the sensor harness, SENSORLESS motors do not. Wire as shown in Fig. 4 and the chart below.

STEP 3: Leave trigger centered

Brushless Wiring

SPEED CONTROL	BRUSHLESS MOTOR
(A) Red Wire	(A) Red
(B) White/Blue Wire	(B) White/Blue
(C) Black Wire	(C) Black

Brushed Wiring

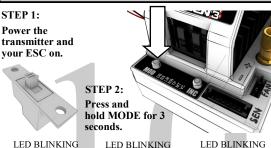
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SPEED CONTRO	OL BRUSHED MOTOR
(-) Black Wire	(-) Negative
(+) Red Wire	(+) Positive
5.5 mm	FIGURE 3.



FACTORY RESET

All Tekin ESCs have a built-in factory reset mode that resets all use programmable settings to the default values. To activate, turn the ESC on, then press/hold both the INCR and MODE buttons imultaneously for 3-5 seconds. The LEDs will ramp up in sets of hree, with an audible chime, confirming Factory Reset NOTE: Performing a Factory Reset also resets all the radio calibration settings to their default values. A radio calibration will

RADIO CALIBRATION, CONT...



LED BLINKING RIGHT

STEP 5:

brake.

Push and hold full

STEP 4:

Pull and hold full in Neutral. throttle. WAIT FOR CHIME WAIT FOR CHIME

Hint: If the ESC fails to recognize your full throttle signal, try reversing the throttle channel in the transmitter system menu and check that EPA/TRAVEL is set to max.

OuickTuneTM MODES

MODE	RANGE	DEFAULT
DRAG BRAKE (DB)	1-13	1 (No Drag)
BRAKE/REVERSE STRENGTH (BS) —Brushless Mode Only	1-13	4&5
PUSH CONTROL ANTI DRAG (PC)—Brushed Mode Only	1-13	1 (Off)
TORQUE LIMITER (LM)	1-7	7 (No Limiter)
NEUTRAL WIDTH (NW)	1-13	4&5
TIMING PROFILE (TP)	1-7	1 (No Timing)
MOTOR TYPE (MT)	1-7	3 (Brushless)
VOLTAGE CUTOFF (VC)	1-7	2 (6.4V)

LEDI: DRAG BRAKE provides immediate braking action in the neutral zone. This gently slows the car down when you let off the trigger. Higher values increase the degree of drag braking.



LED2 (IN BRUSHLESS MODE): REV/BRAKE STRENGTH adjusts your maximum brake strength and reverse speed when in brushless mode. Higher

values increase brake strength and increase reverse speed

LED2 (BRUSHED MODE): PUSH CONTROL or ANTI-DRAG overcomes the natural drag of a brushed motor when throttle returns to neutral. Low values give you a short duration push, higher values a longer duration push.



LED3: TORQUE LIMITER adjusts the initial torque delivered to the motor under acceleration. Low values will decrease the initial torque and give a softer feel to the throttle. The highest value (7) gives full torque to

the motor, no limiter is in effect. Ex: Torque Limiter at 80 gives 80% power.



LED4: NEUTRAL WIDTH adjusts the dead band around neutral. A low neutral width value will provide more precise and quick trigger sensitivity around neutral. Higher values decrease trigger sensitivity.



LED5: TIMING PROFILES are pre-programmed with 5 preset profiles and 2 Custom profiles. Setting 1-5 will apply the preset amount of Timing Advance for that profile. The profiles are as below

TP1: 5* Timing Advance

TP2: 10* Timing Advance / RPM Range 5443-20,016

TP3: 15* Timing Advance / RPM Range 5443-20,016

TP4: 20* Timing Advance / RPM Range 5443-20,016 TP5: 25* Timing Advance / RPM Range 5443-20,016 TP6: Custom 1 - Programmable via HotWire

TP7: Custom 2 - Programmable via HotWire

SPECIFICATIONS

Controls - RX8 Gen3	Fwd/Brk or Fwd/Brk/Rev
Input (#Cells) RX8 Gen3	
	7.4V-22.2V
Motor Limits - RX8 Gen3	,
Brushless	Varies by voltage
Brushed Fwd Mode	No Limit
Brushed Fwd/Rev Mode	No Limit
Brushed I waster Mode	Tto Zimit
Max Current	
RX8 Gen3	300 Amps per Phase*
	*Per Manufacturer Specs
D II DEC	
Programmable BEC	
RX8 Gen3	6V-7.4V / 8Amp
Dimensions	1 5 v 2 2 v 1 4 In (38 v 55 8 v 35 5mm)
Difficusions	1.3 A 2.2 A 1.7 III. (38 A 33.8 A 33.3IIIII)
Weight	2.7oz / 76.5g
Dimensions	1.5 x 2.2 x 1.4 In. (38 x 55.8 x 35.5mm)

For Motor Ratings at each input voltage, please refer to Section 22 on the reverse side.

WARNING: Exceeding product specifications or using equipme outside of the specification ranges above automatically voids the 80-day manufacturer warranty. Any damage caused from misuse or use of equipment outside of the specifications will be subject to ervicing and or replacement fees to be determined by the Tekin Service Department. For further warranty information, please refer Section 26 or visit us on the web at www.teamtekin.com.

OUICKSTART

After properly installing your ESC, follow these steps for a quick

- 1) With the ESC installed and properly wired, (Figs. 4, 5 & 6) connect the battery. 2) Turn the transmitter on FIRST, then the ESC.
- 3) Take note any codes that may be present. Refer to Section 18 on reverse side for codes.
- 4) Set transmitter throttle trims to 0 and throttle EPAs to 100. You can access these features in the system menu on the transmitter.
- 5) Perform a Radio Calibration, refer to Sections 9 & 10.
- 6) Factory default voltage cutoff is set for a 2S LiPo battery @ 6.4V. Double check the battery you are using and adjust Voltage Cutoff if needed.

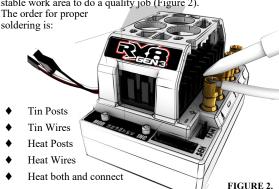
SOLDERING

Brushless wiring instructions refer to Fig. 4 Brushed, refer to Figs. 5 & 6 on reverse side.

Tips & Tricks

noving parts and debris.

Placing the ESC gently in a vise provides a stable work area to do a quality job (Figure 2).



Hint: If the wire is too hot to hold 2" away from the solder joint, the iron has been on for too long-stop, let everything cool and try again. Excessive heat can damage the ESC

QuickTuneTM MODES CONT...

LED6: MOTOR TYPE

- Brushless, Fwd/Brk (LED1 ON)
- Brushless, Fwd/Immediate Rev (LED1-2 ON)
- Brushed, Fwd/Brk
- Brushless, Fwd/Brk/Rev Delay (LED1-3 ON) (LED1-4 ON)
- Brushed, Fwd/Brk/Rev
- (LED1-5 ON) Brushed, Fwd/Brk/Rev Delay (LED1-6 ON)
- Brushless, Same as (3) with motor reversed (LED1-7 ON)



LED7: VOLTAGE CUTOFF

- MPORTANT: LiPo MUST use a Voltage Cutoff OFF (LED1 ON). NO CUTOFF Use for NiMH/NiCAD
- 6.4 Volts (LED1-LED2 ON). Use for 2 Cells LiPo (2S)
- 9.6 Volts (LED1-LED3 ON). Use for 3 Cells LiPo (3S)
- 12.8 Volts (LED1-LED4 ON). Use for 4 Cells LiPo (4S)
- 16.0 Volts (LED1-LED5 ON). Use for 5 Cells LiPo (5S)
- 19.2 Volts (LED1-LED6 ON). Use for 6 Cells LiPo (6S)
- Custom Voltage Cutoff Programmable via HotWire

LED Display: The LED bar displays values and settings on your ESC in a few ways. Settings with a range of 1-7 are shown by one LED at a time. Settings with a range of 1-13 are shown by 1 and 2 LEDs at the same time. While adjusting, LEDs will "walk" up the ladder in a way that 1 will be lit, followed by 1&2, then 2, then 2&3, etc. Critical settings (such as Motor Type and Voltage Cutoff) are indicated by multiple LEDs at a time .

IMPORTANT LED CODES

Your ESC is an intelligent piece of equipment and can usually tell you exactly what the problem is. Refer to this section should your ESC show you any LED sequence out of the ordinary. You can also go to www.teamtekin.com/eschelp.html to see these codes in action. Each code will FLASH rapidly:

ALL LEDS FLASHING	No signal from receiver. Check that receiver bind light is on and ESC is plugged into CH2.
LEDS 1, 2, 6 & 7	Wrong motor type, motor wire disconnected or internal short in ESC or motor detected. Check motor wire solder joints and plugs. Motor wire disconnected.
LEDS 1, 2 & 3	LOW neutral signal. Adjust radio trims to center and perform radio calibration.
LEDS 5, 6 & 7	HIGH neutral signal. Adjust radio trims to center and perform radio calibration.
LEDS 1, 3 & 5	LOW VOLTAGE CUTOFF. Battery voltage is below programmed voltage cutoff. Charge battery.

TROUBLESHOOTING CONT...

EDS 1, 2, 6 & 7 FLASHING

- Wrong Motor Type Selected.
- Internal ESC or Motor Short Detected.
- Try a different brushless motor.

NO REVERSE

- ♦ Motor Type set to MT1 (no reverse.)
- ♦ Motor Type set to MT3 (reverse delay.) Needs 1 full second in neutral before reverse will activate.

NO BRAKES

- ♦ Check transmitter Low Throttle EPA adjustments.
- ♦ Check Brake Strength settings in the ESC.
- Check for proper radio calibration. All LEDs should flash at full throttle and full brakes/reverse.

MOTOR RUNS WITH NO THROTTLE INPUT

♦ Set transmitter throttle trim to 0. If anything other than 0 is needed, perform a radio calibration with the trim at 0.

SENSOR CHECKER

Observe the right three LEDs (5, 6 & 7) while rotating the motor shaft slowly. You should see the three LEDs rotate through as each sensor is activated.

BRUSHLESS MOTOR WIRING DIAGRAM

BRUSHLESS

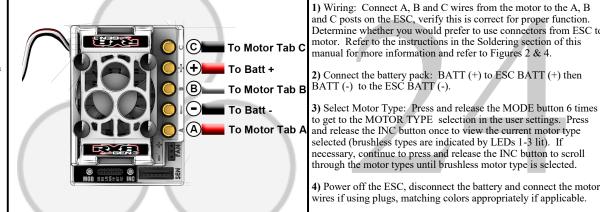


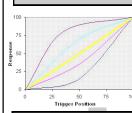
FIGURE 4. **MOTOR TYPE (MT) SETTINGS**

MT1 / LED 1 - FWD/BRK MT2 / LED 2 - FWD/REV IMMEDIATE MT3 / LED 3 - FWD/BRK/REV DELAY

Remember (A - A, B - B and C - C ALWAYS.)

5) Power on the ESC, listen for the arming chime.

THROTTLE PROFILES



- Mildest profile concave
- Mild profile concave Linear profile (DEFAULT)
- Aggressive profile convex
- Most Aggressive profile conver Custom via HotWire
- Custom via HotWire

OPERATING TIPS

DRAG BRAKE: Increased drag brake settings help by allowing you to concentrate less on braking, more on driving a good line and can also be very helpful with free-spinning slotless motors.

BRAKE STRENGTH: Reducing your brake strength helps control skidding during heavy braking and on loose surfaces.

NEUTRAL WIDTH: A tight neutral width can interfere with correct operation of Drag Brake and Push Control if your radio trigger does not return precisely to the same neutral position.

TIMING PROFILES: These are a huge performance increase and can damage equipment when not used properly. Too much Timing can cause problems and over-timing a motor can build more heat, less power and result in internal damage.

TEMPERATURE MONITOR

The On-Board Temperature Monitor works to provide you with

important feedback on ESC temperature, helping you to adjust

1) The ESC must be calibrated to your transmitter and must be

3) At the moment that the center LED blinks out, one or more of

2) The middle LED will be on steady then blink out every 2

gearing and avoid long term heat damage. To use;

the other LEDs will light up.

4) LED Temperature readings:

TROUBLESHOOTING

HINT: When powered on, the ESC emits an all-systems-go chime if it is connected correctly to the motor and radio. Check the above chart for any codes that may be present.

NO LIGHTS COME ON

- Check battery charge and polarity.
- ♦ Verify that the switch is in the ON position.
- Check all solder joints and plugs for a good connection.
- Unplug your servo from your receiver. A shorted servo can cause power up issues.
- Unplug sensor harness and fan, possible sensor board short.
- Check ESC receiver plug for proper polarity.
- Re-flash ESC with HotWire. Incomplete or interrupted updates can "brick" the ESC.
 ALL LEDS FLASHING

- Check that transmitter and receiver are properly bound.
- Check ESC receiver plug for correct polarity and that it is plugged into CH2. WILL NOT CALIBRATE

- ♦ Check transmitter batteries and replace if necessary.
- Reverse throttle channel on transmitter if necessary.
- Check that transmitter and receiver are properly bound.

NO STEERING OR THROTTLE

- Check battery voltage and polarity.
- Check that transmitter and receiver are properly bound.
- ♦ Check receiver plugs for correct polarity or damaged wires. STEERING WORKS, NO THROTTLE

Check for Low Voltage Cutoff code.

- Check battery voltage.
- Check motor connections, try another motor if possible.
- Check ESC plug for correct polarity and damaged wires. THROTTLE WORKS, NO STEERING
- Shorted or broken servo.
- Check servo plug for correct polarity and damaged wires.
- Replace servo

MOTOR RUNS IN REVERSE

- Check transmitter throttle reverse setting
- Verify motor wires are connected A A, B B and C C. Wiring improperly while running a sensored motor with the sensor harness will damage the ESC.
- Motor Type 7 can be used to reverse the motor rotation for cars that may need it. Usually these will be the ones with the motor mounted up front on the left side of center.

D2TM & BRUSHED OPERATION

The RX8 Gen3 utilizes Tekin's D2™ Dual Drive Technology to auto detect sensors and drive brushless motors in the most efficient mode possible. D2TM uses the precise control of a full sensored system with the efficiency of sensorless drive at higher RPM to deliver the ultimate in drivable horsepower. The RX8 Gen3 also has the ability to run any brushed motor with no limit. Simply wire appropriately according to Figures 5 & 6, set the correct Motor Type and you're ready to drive.

RX8 GEN3 RECOMMENDED MOTORS PRO4HD PRO4 T8 T8i PRO2 2S LiPo 4300kV 4600kV 5800kV 3S LiPo 2650kV 2700kV 3000kV 3300kV 3500kV 4S LiPo 2650kV 2700kV 2500kV 2400kV 2250kV 1950kV 1850kV 1900kV 2000kV 2050kX 900kV 5S LiPo 1700kV 1600kV 1400kV 550kV 1400kV 1350kV 1400kV 350kV

HotWire™ 3.0 ESC PROGRAMMER

The HotWire 3.0 PC/Bluetooth Interface (TT1452) unlocks the full potential of your Tekin ESC. Connect via Bluetooth to your iOS or Android device for full adjustability of your ESC settings on the

Offering a wide range of adjustable features and options, you can fully customize your setup to any particular track and any driving conditions. The HotWire can also be used to download Tekin Driver setups from the website and load them directly into your ESC. The HotWire makes it easy to load custom setups and save your own for any track and any car. Setup notes can be applied and saved with each user-created ESC profile so you can have the exact same setup you had before.

Tekin frequently releases new firmware for ESCs, which can be downloaded from the website and flashed to the ESC. This means a longer lifespan for your ESC! With access to tons of features not fully accessible from the onboard interface, the HotWire is a must have item. User-defined Throttle and Brake Frequency, Custom Throttle Profiles, Custom Voltage Cutoffs, Custom Boost and Turbo settings, adjustable RPM Ranges for Boost and Turbo, a new Datalogging feature and a programmable HV BEC can all be tuned via the HotWire Bluetooth on PC and handheld devices.

Check out more at www.teamtekin.com/hotwire.html

BRUSHED MOTOR WIRING DIAGRAM FORWARD / REVERSE

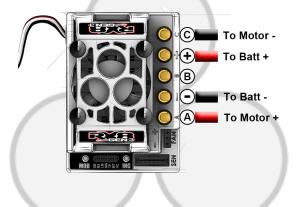


FIGURE 5. MOTOR TYPE (MT) SETTINGS MT5/LED5-FWD/REVIMMEDIATE MT6/LED 6 - FWD/BRK/REV DELAY

BRUSHED MOTORS

BRUSHLESS MOTORS

For RX8 Gen3 Brushless Connection, Refer to Figure 4.

For Brushed Wiring Configurations Refer To Figs 5 or 6.

- 1) Select Motor Type: Press and release the MODE button 6 times to get to the MOTOR TYPE selection in the user settings. Press and release the INC button once to view the current motor type selected (brushed types are indicated by LEDs 1-4, 1-5, or 1-6 lit—See QuickTune Modes section for motor type details).
- 2) Wiring: Forward/Reverse Wiring (Motor Types 5&6): Refer to Fig. 5, connect motor NEG (-) terminal to speed control (C) post, then connect motor POS (+) terminal to ESC (A) post. NOTE: Speed control (B) post is not used.
- 3) Forward Only Wiring (use only Motor Type 4): Refer to Fig. 6. Connect all 3 ESC motor outputs (ABC) together, then connect them to the NEG (-) terminal of the motor. Connect another wire from the motor POS (+) terminal to the BATT (+) terminal on the
- 4) Connect the battery pack: BATT (+) to the speed control BATT (+) then BATT (-) to the speed control BATT (-).
- 5) Power off the ESC, disconnect the battery and connect the motor wires if using plugs, matching colors and polarity appropriately if applicable.
- 6) Power on the ESC, listen for the arming chime.

FORWARD ONLY

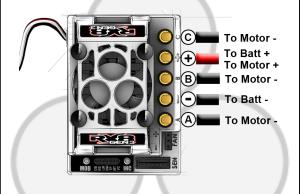


FIGURE 6.

MOTOR TYPE (MT) SETTINGS MT4 / LED 4 - FWD/BRK

WARRANTY / REPAIR

TEKIN, INC. guarantees ESCs to be free from factory defects in materials and workmanship for a period of 180 days from date of purchase, when verified by sales receipt. This warranty does not cover: suitability for specific application, components worn by use or improper voltage, tampering misuse, or shipping. Our warranty liability shall be limited to repairing unit to our original specifications. Because we have no control over the installation or use of this product, in no case shall we be liable for damages. Additionally, these items void the warranty:

- Reversing battery polarity Allowing water or moisture into the ESC
- Incorrect wiring or use inconsistent with the instructions.

WARRANTY SERVICE: For warranty work, you MUST CLAIM WARRANTY on A COMPLETELY FILLED OUT PRODUCT SERVICE FORM and include a VALID CASH REGISTER or DIGITAL RECEIPT with purchase date, dealer name & phone# on it, or an invoice from previo service. If warranty provisions have been voided, there will be service

REPAIR: Before sending your speed control in for service, please review the Instructions and Troubleshooting sections. After reviewing these instructions, if your speed control still requires service, please contact our customer service department for additional assistance

NOTE: Hobby dealers or distributors are not authorized to replace TEKIN products

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LED1-2 LED1-3 LED1-4 LED1-5 LED1-6 LED1-7 120*F 140*F 160*F 180*F 200*F Ambient Should your ESC show all 7 LEDs, stop driving and let it cool.

The ESC will go into Thermal Shutdown if it is not allowed to cool down. You may need to lower your gearing, lower your Timing settings, change to a lower kV motor or repair any binding in the drivetrain. Continuous use at high temperatures and multiple thermal shutdowns can damage the ESC.